



Term 2 Week 3 – 7 May 2014

Distributed weekly on Wednesday

*A year calendar of events was distributed at the start of the year.
This section includes those events and any updates.*

Term 2

22nd April – 27th June

10 weeks

2 public holidays – ANZAC Day, Queen's Birthday

1 pupil free day – Report Writing

May

7th Wednesday – Mother's Day Night 5-6pm

9th Friday – bluearth (then fortnightly each Friday)

13 – 15th Tuesday – Thursday – NAPLAN tests Grades 3&5 only

16th Friday – Beechworth & District Cross Country – Cycle 3

21st Wednesday – Pupil Free Day – Report Writing

June

9th Monday – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

16th – 20th – Cycle 1 kindergarten (3&4 1st and 2nd year of Cycle) Parent Teacher Interviews

23 – 26th – Cycle 1 Prep Parent Teacher Interviews

More dates to be added throughout the term. Keep checking this section to stay informed

Stay connected via the facebook and Twitter school accounts and also access a range of parenting and educational philosophy posts and articles.

There have been several reported cases of gastro. Please keep children home for 24 hours after the last evidence of the illness (vomiting and/or diarrhoea, temperature) so that we can minimise the spread of the illness through the school.

From the Principal

Firstly an explanation for my absence this week but I'm taking my own advice after my family was struck down with gastro. At the time of printing I am unsure whether I will be able to attend the Mother's Day Night tonight but I have no desire to be the cause of this illness spreading.

Thanks John Griffin for planting the bearded irises from his own supply at the front of the school. We look forward to seeing them flower. Thanks also to

Richard Hall and Lara Block who spent Sunday afternoon delivering topsoil for the Cycle 2&3 outdoor area. The students will now start landscaping and preparing the outdoor learning environment.

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the Foundation Philosophy Workshop due to lack of numbers. In an ideal world we would offer this to parents at no cost, but like most people, we have a budget that we must attempt to balance and it wasn't possible to subsidise this workshop this year. We will attempt to schedule it on the calendar next year and see if it can run.

It's our annual Mother's Day night tonight, 5-6pm. All the special people in the children's world who take on a parenting role are invited to attend and to spend quality time in the classrooms with their children, especially mums and grandmothers. We respectfully ask that children stay with parents and be supervised at all times. Our aim for the night is that children spend time with their guests, they become the guides for the adults and share their learning.

Kind regards Heather

P&F News

Loads of Clothes Market

A meeting of those who are interested in helping out in any way (advertising, clothes sorting, admin, selling, etc) will be held at school at 3.20pm this Friday.

Montessori Autumn Family Feast

Long Lamb Lunch
Sunday 18th May 11.30-3.30pm

\$25 per adult with kids under 12 free
Kids entertainment provided

- Slow Cooked Lamb donated by Alpine Dorpers and Salad Buffet donated by P&F. Drinks at bar prices.
 - Fundraiser for school play-ground development
 - Bad weather alternatives have been made so it will not be cancelled

Pre bookings are needed but numbers are not limited so gather your family and friends for a laid back, pre Winter, family feast!

RSVP: info@beechworthmontessori.vic.edu.au
Before Wed 14th May

General News

Walk Safely to School day is on Friday 23 May. Parents, students, teachers are invited to meet at the post office at 8.30am to walk to school together. This is not associated with the walking school bus so everyone can join in, no registration required. The idea is to encourage safe and regular walking. If you have to drive – park somewhere and meet us at the post office or join us along the walk up Albert Road.

Cycle 2 News

Moonstone

Mothers Night:

Come and experience our amazing classroom and curriculum on Mothers Night. Enjoy viewing the incredible drawings from the Caves of Lascaux on your way to the classroom. See you there.

The Language of Persuasion:

Could you be persuaded to Adopt A Dog? Come and read the remarkably persuasive posters and see if you can spot the persuasive language. Should sharks be protected? We have opinions from both sides of the issue. What do you think? Can you think of three reasons to support your opinion?

Grammar and Art:

We are exploring some of the parts of speech such as nouns and adjectives through illustration. What is a noun? Can you give an example of an adjective?

Ancient Civilisations:

As part of our studies of Ancient China we are building a model of the Great Wall of China. This week we wondered and had many questions about the Great Wall of China. We are sketching parts of the wall and working on a draft plan in small groups. From these plans we will construct a whole class plan and move forward to commence building one of the Great Wonders of the World.

Culinary dishes from China are on the weekly menu and eating with chopsticks.

Music Sticks:

Rhythm, working with a partner and following the sequence of a Maori song E Papa Waira is our focus in Music.

Readers:

Please assist your child to return their reader each week.

Thank you to all the parents who are keeping sick children at home. We are really making an effort to reduce illness spreading throughout the class and teachers.

Coming up:

Ancient Chinese inventions and the study of the human body.

Susi & Sally



Remembering May 6, 1952 - Dr. Maria Montessori dies.

Her tombstone reads:

"I ask the dear children, who are capable of anything, to join me in building peace for mankind and the world."

Turquoise

Nutrition:

On Monday afternoons we are delving into the world of nutrition. Thus far we have talked about Rainbow Foods. This is the notion that we should be eating from a wide variety of different coloured fruits and vegetables as each colour has its own unique contribution to the body.

This week we discussed the macro nutrients (fats, carbohydrates and proteins) and the role they play in the body. We also had a brief discussion about vitamins, minerals and water and their importance to a healthy body.

Body systems:

On Thursday afternoons we are learning about the human body. The first two weeks saw us discuss the skeleton, its purpose, functions and interesting facts. The children have also learned a song to help remember the names of the major bones of the body.

Cooking:

This term's focus will be incorporating the notion of Rainbow Foods into everyday meals and essentially showing how easy it is. On Monday the children had the opportunity to taste a wide variety of not so common fruits and vegetables that Donna had so kindly sourced from Melbourne Markets. These included golden kiwi, paw paw, papaya, beetroot, daikon, radicchio cabbage, persimmons, bitter melon, turnip, purple yam, and pomegranate.

Art:

This term the focus of art will be lines. On Friday the children experimented with types of lines from diagonal, horizontal, vertical, thick, thin, radial, repeating etc to creating varying images. They then put all this new knowledge into the completion of their 'line giraffe'; all of which are on display in the corridor.

Karen & Donna

Cycle 3 News

Tigereye

Language— writing

Over the last few weeks in Tigereye we have been doing regular journal writing in the mornings. Sometimes I write down a prompt for the children to start a short story, sometimes we look at different photographs and they chose one to write about and sometimes we try writing some different styles of poetry. Just before Anzac Day, I showed the students some photos to do with war and the Anzacs. Some students really took to this task and wrote some pieces imagining that they were living through World War 1 and that their father had to go off to fight in the war or that they were a soldier in the war. Here is part of Eadie's writing where she wrote the diary entry of a soldier: "Dear Diary. I thought that war would be better. I wish I was home with Mary, Peter, Vicky and Edith. Bob, my best friend who made the war OK, has gotten lost in battle. I feel miserable, God please send me back home...."

History

If you get the chance, stop and have a look at some of the items that students have made as part of an early human timeline. Students mostly made items that were from the Paleolithic (450,000- 10,000 BCE), Mesolithic (10,000- 4,500 BCE) or Neolithic times (4,500- 2,300 BCE) and wrote a short explanation of their items. Some students were very interested in some later periods of time as well; for example Edan made a model of the Trojan horse and has been doing a large project on the Trojan war. It has been wonderful to watch how the children enjoy such a hands-on approach to history and we have had some excellent discussions about what technologies people did and didn't have thousands of years ago. For example, sticking things together with a hot glue gun was not an option in the stone age!

Zoology

We have been revising the Linnean classification system and focusing on Phylum *Arthropoda* (the largest phylum) and class *Insecta* (the largest class). Class *Insecta* has a further 29 Orders! Mathilda told us a great sentence for remembering (a mnemonic!) the order of classification (*Domain, Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species*). It is: *Dumb King Penguins Congregate On Frozen Ground Sometimes*. Another one is: *Dear King Phillip Came Over For Good Soup*.

Kat

Parent helpers required.....

Following cycle 2 and 3 cross country events today, a number of our Cycle 3 children will be heading off to the Beechworth & District Cross Country next Friday 16th May. We require some parent helpers either to meet us in Yackandandah or come on the bus with us. The event is from 10.30am until 1pm. Please contact us in the office if you can help.

Topaz

We have all gone a little crazy in our room learning the periodic table via a song called just that 'the periodic table song', which can be viewed on youtube. Thanks to Isabella, Lia and Lochie who drafted up the song for us all to learn. It is a catchy little tune, if somewhat fast paced. So google the song and have a singalong with your child!

In History the students have discovered that most of Australia was once under the sea, and during the Cambrian Period, the east coast faced north and most of Australia was situated above the equator. The Cambrian was the Age of the Trilobites and fossils of Australian Trilobites have been found in the mountains of Tibet, proving that Australia and India were once joined.

Some of our students completing their last year of Cycle 3 are learning to find square roots of 6 digit numbers with the algebraic pegboard and then abstractly. They are amazing mathematicians with Elias leading the way, kindly giving lessons to other students and assisting where needed. Here is an example of their work using the trinomial as a guide

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As you can imagine I spend a lot of weekends leaning maths!!!

For Zoology we are classifying insects into orders and have come across a lot of confusion working out exactly how many orders there are: some say 42 others say 26, well we have decided to focus on 26 and have had a lot of fun working out how to pronounce most of them. We have learnt the sub orders endopterygota: animals that go through partial metamorphosis and exopterygota: animals who go through complete metamorphosis! Last Friday we watched the David Attenborough series Life/Insects and were truly amazed at the sophisticated rituals of our fellow little earth dwellers.

Congratulations to our swimmers who went to state last week: Charlotte, Uli, Eadie and Jade!

Millie, our class pet is growing fast and getting naughtier by the day. She is very at home in our room now and waits for the students by the window in the morning and when they go out for lunch. Her antics keep us all amused and she is quite the clown.

Terie

bluearth family session



ANZAC Day

On Friday the 25th April, Jackson Haw, Jade Thomas, Rubi Taylor, Mathilda Chambers and Eadie Pfahlert attended the Anzac wreath laying ceremony.

It was amazing how the soldiers stood so still for an hour and a half, and how many people attended and showed their respect for the soldiers that died for their country. It was an honour to lay down the wreath and be part of the ceremony.

Montessori Matters

Parent Education Books for Sale

We also have had a stock up of books for sale and now stock the following books for parents to purchase. A copy of each book is in the foyer – feel free to have a good look through these books, sit on the couches and have a read, but please don't remove them from the foyer.

Copies are available to purchase from the office.

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| • How to Raise an Amazing Child | \$38.00 |
| • Montessori Madness | \$26.00 |
| • A Parents' Guide to the Montessori Classroom | \$15.00 |
| • Montessori Insights for Parents of Young Children | \$15.00 |
| • Understanding Montessori: A Guide for Parents | \$26.00 |
| • Our Peaceful Classroom | \$26.00 |
| • What is Montessori Preschool? | \$16.00 |
| • Montessori and Early Childhood | \$46.00 |
| • Montessori from the Start | \$32.00 |

Other Items for Sale at the Office

- School logo beanies
- Library bags
- School Polos – limited sizes
- Hats
- THRASS charts

Community News

Do you swipe your Community Benefits Card when you shop at Ritchies IGA in town? If so, we receive a portion of your spend in cash. Additional cards are available from the office if you'd like more or need a replacement. Please give them to other family members and help raise funds that can be used to landscape the grounds and provide equipment for the children. Every swipe helps and we encourage our community to shop locally, support local businesses and reduce our carbon footprint.



Positive Parenting Telephone Service



This Program is offered to parents, grandparents & carers of children aged 2 – 10 years

Our ten week program aims to assist you to:

- *Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
- *Manage everyday behaviour problems
- *Set rules & limits
- *Teach new skills
- *Developing behaviour strategies

Through our service you will receive a workbook and weekly phone calls with a parent educator and all this can do done from the comfort of your own home, at a time that suits you.

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This service is funded by Department of Human Services Victoria

The Pillow Doctor is coming!

May 23rd & 24th

At the Flying Fruit Fly Circus building, Hovell St, Albury

Friends of Fruit Fly have organized a visit from The Pillow Doctor mobile pillow renovation van on Friday May 23rd and Saturday May 24th.

This is a truly old-fashioned renovation service, bringing your old and stained bed pillows back to their full glory, and comfort! The Pillow Doctor has not come to Albury-Wodonga for many years, so this is a great opportunity to pull out all your pillows and bring them down to 'the Y' for renovation and renewal. No more covering stained pillows with layers of pillow cases!

Feather - Dacron - Rubber - Wool

The pillow Doctor offers a full service:

- **Diagnosis** - The pillow Doctor will diagnose your pillows and renovate them if they still have life in them (and most do...)
- **Renovation** - New pillow casing – choice of cotton or stain resistant – sanitise contents and refill or top-up.
- **Replacement** - Excellent new handmade pillow protectors for sale. New pillows for sale too!

Costs:

New Dacron Foam Core Pillow	\$15	Renovate Feather Pillow	\$10
New Pillow Protectors	\$6	Renovate Wool Pillow	\$8
Renovate Dacron Pillow	\$8	Renovate Continental Pillow	Sm. \$12 Lrge \$14
Renovate Rubber Pillow	\$8	Renovate Boomerang Pillow	Sm. \$10 Lrge \$12

A proportion of every sale and renovation will come back to the Fruit Flies to support our projects.

How it works:

1. Gather up your pillows and pack them into a large plastic bag.
2. Prepare an envelope with your name, number of pillows and service required and your payment (in cash please). Staple/tape the envelope to the plastic bag (make sure we can open and close the bag as your pillows will be returned in this as well).
3. Bring your pillows down to the Pillow Doctor's van at the Y on the Friday or Saturday – **latest drop off 2.30pm both days please**. You can discuss your pillows with the Pillow Dr if needed and stay until they are done (it only takes a few minutes), or just drop off and pick up later in the day.
4. Pillows can also be left at Reception during the week preceding the Pillow Dr visit, and we will arrange to have them done and left in the foyer for you to pick up.

Thanks for your support,
Anne Stelling - Coordinator for this fundraiser.
0428 565 195

Anne Stelling is available to transport pillows
between Albury and Beechworth Montessori. Please
call her to make arrangements.